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**Re: Extension of Time for US Oil Sands to Respond to EPA Information Request Re:
PR Spring Southwest #1 Mine**

Dear Mr. Figur and Ms. Jacobson:

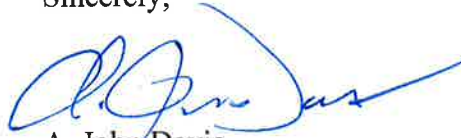
On December 15, 2014, our client, US Oil Sands, Inc. received a letter from Kelcey Land and James Eppers requesting certain information regarding the PR Spring Southwest #1 mine. The letter requests the information pursuant to the authority granted EPA under Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6907. The letter asked that the requested information be provided within 45 days of the US Oil Sands' receipt of the letter. US Oil Sands is requesting that the date by which it responds to EPA's information request be extended until April 17, 2015.

As my colleague Ben Machlis and I discussed with Ms. Jacobson on January 22, 2015, US Oil Sands has proposed certain revisions of its mine plan to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM). These revisions are contained in an amended Notice of Intent to Commence Large Mining Operations (NOI) that is under review by DOGM. Until such time as DOGM approves the amended NOI, the existing mine plan remains in effect. Accordingly, if US Oil Sands were to respond to EPA's information request on the schedule provided for in EPA's letter, the answers to EPA's information request would have to be based on the existing mine plan.

To avoid providing answers that would become obsolete shortly after they were provided, we propose extending the date by which US Oils Sands responds to the information request until after DOGM approves the amended NOI. US Oil Sands anticipates approval of the amended NOI by mid-March and believes extending the deadline for its response to the information request to April 17, 2015 should be sufficient to accommodate DOGM's approval process.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me (ajdavis@hollandhart.com, 801-799-5887) or my colleague Ben Machlis (mbmachlis@hollandhart.com, 801-799-5915).

Sincerely,



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